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SUBJ: ASSASSINATION/KIDNAPPING THREAT TO FOREIGN AMBASSADORS

REF: GUATEMALA 3622

1. VICE FOREIGN MINISTER AYCINENA, ACTING ON ADVICE FROM
MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL SPIEGELER, NOTIFIED DEAN OF
DIPLOMATIC CORPS, LATE YESTERDAY EVEN-
ING THAT RADICAL LEFT HAD PLANS TO KIDNAP VARIOUS FOREIGN
AMBASSADORS BEFORE PRESIDENT-ELECT LUCAS ASSUMES POWER ON
JULY 1. VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WISHED DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC
CORPS TO NOTIFY AMABASSADORS OF THIS POTENTIAL THREAT AND TO
URGE THEM TO TAKE ADEQUATE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS.
SECRETARY OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS, HONRURAN AMBASSADOR,, PERSONALLY
INFORMED MOST FOREIGN AMBASSADORS LAST NIGHT OF ABOVE, INCLUDING
AMBASSADOR BOSTER.

2. WE NOTE THAT INFORMATION PROIVDED TO THE DEAN OF CORPS
BY VICE FOREIGN MINISTER REFERS TO KIDNAPPING RATHER THAN
ASSASSINATION, AS IN ORGINAL REPORTS (REFTEL).

3. AT SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE MEETING THIS MORNING, ALL
USG ELEMENTS WERE INFORMED OF ABOVE AS WELL AS OF SUBSTANCE
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OF REFTEL, AND URGED TO BE EXTREMELY VIVILANT, VARYING
PATTERNS OF ACTIVITIES. ALL AMERICAN PERSONNNEL REQUESTED
TO USE EMBASSY TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM OFFICE TO MAXIMUM
EXTENT POSSIBLE.

4. SEPTTEL WILL REPORT DETAILS OF ASSASSINATION
LAST NIGHT OF ARMY G1 COLONEL RAMIREZ LIMA, WHO WAS MACHINE

GUNNED TO DEATH OUTSIDE HIS HOME AS HE STEPPED OUTSIDE HIS
CAR.
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